**López-Istúriz asks the Commission for measures to combat anti-Semitism**

**Brussels, January 28th 2020.** TheMember of the European Parliament, President of the Delegation for Relations with Israel and Secretary General of the European People’s Party (EPP), Antonio López-Istúriz, has asked the European Commission what measures they are planning  to put in place in order to fight growing anti-Semitism in Europe, and if there is a specific programme for Member States to commit to implementing policies to combat racism and xenophobia.

"Given the wave of anti-Semitist attacks that have been taking place in the EU over the past few years, it seems Europe is going backwards and that feelings of hatred and intolerance we thought were buried are re-emerging", stated López-Istúriz's question.

According to the MEP, the EU has passed effective and ambitious policies in the past, such as the Framework Decision against Racism and Xenophobia, to ensure the application of a clear legislation and with a common approach so the same racist and xenophobic behaviour constitutes an offence in all Member States.

The text regrets that several Member States are yet to adequately transpose the measures. “Now more than ever policies like this cannot afford to be forgotten or not followed through with" says the request to the Commission.

According to the conclusions of a Survey on fundamental rights in the EU, 85 per cent of Jewish Europeans consider anti-Semitism to be the main social issue in their country, and almost 40 per cent have thought of migrating because they don't feel safe as Jewish people in Europe.